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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 OLASEBIKAN N. AKINMULERO,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
12 SECURITY, *et al.*,

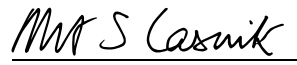
13 Defendants.  
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NO. C20-1135RSL

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's "Motion for Clarification of April 27,  
16 2021, Order Denying Motion for Default Judgment." Dkt. # 33. Plaintiff inquires whether  
17 statements in a certificate of service constitute evidence of service. Yes, in the circumstances  
18 presented here, the certificate of service is sufficient. "The rule is well settled that proof that a  
19 letter properly directed was placed in a post office creates a presumption that it reached its  
20 destination in usual time and was actually received by the person to whom it was addressed."  
21 *Hagner v. U.S.*, 285 U.S. 427, 430 (1932). An employee of the United States Attorney's Office  
22 certified that she mailed a copy of defendant's answer to plaintiff at his address on January 29,  
23 2020. Dkt. # 23 at 4. That certificate is evidence of service, giving rise to a presumption of  
24 receipt that has not been rebutted. Plaintiff is not entitled to a default judgment.  
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1 Dated this 2nd day of June, 2021.

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4 United States District Judge  
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